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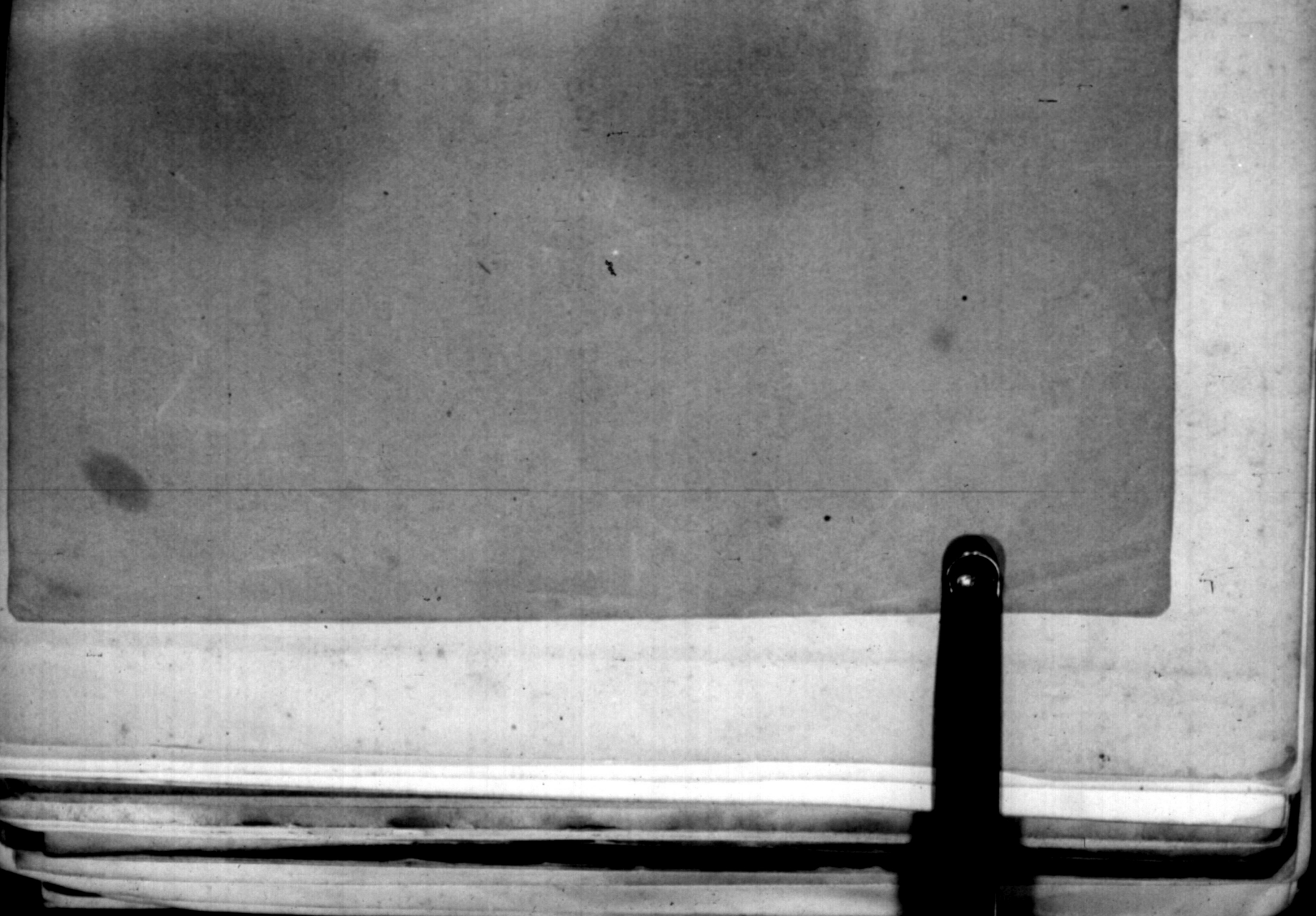

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Chickasaw BAPTIST Association.

—AT ITS—

Forty-Seventh Session.

—HELD WITH—

Cherry Creek Church, Cherry Creek

September 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th.

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First Day, morning session.

CHERRY CREEK, SEPT. 17th 1886:—The delegates composing the forty-seventh session of the Chickasaw Association met with the Cherry Creek Church on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, A. D. 1886. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. F. M. Ferrell. Text: Latter part of the 3rd verse Jude. Theme, "The Faith once delivered to the saints." After preaching the congregation was dismissed until 1½ o'clock p. m.

Evening session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read 3rd chap. of the First Epistle of John. Prayer by Eld W G Thompson. The letters from the churches composing the Association were called for, and read by Eld C W Smith and Bro N M Berry, who were appointed by the Mod. as Reading Clerks.

The Association proceeded to elect officers to serve for the next year. Eld's. J S Berry and H L Finley acting as tellers. Result: Eld I Smith Mod. N M Berry Treas. Eld F M Ferrell, Clerk.

On motion the Mod. appointed the following committees, viz:—

TO ARRANGE ORDER OF BUSINESS:—Elds C W Smith, J T Pitts, J H Morgan and brethren G A Logan and W J Robbins.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES:—J T Brown and W R Williams, with the deacons of Cherry Creek church.

On motion, the Association meet on Saturday and Monday, at 8½ a. m. o'clock and spend ½ hour in Devotional Exercise. On motion adjourned till 8½ o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Second day—morning session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; half hour spent in Devotional Exercise. Minutes of Friday read. Committee on arrangements of busi-

ness recommend the same order as last year, with the exception that reports on Mississippi College and Education be discussed together. Adopted.

Called for Correspondents, when the following responded from the Associations as named: Big Hatchie—W A Boone. Cold Water—C F Boone. Oxford—W W Rivers. Tishmingo—Eld J S Berry.

Tippah, Elds H L Finley, W G Thompson and Brethren Marion Darden and W H M Durham.

West Judson, Eld A B Smith, brother J M Langston.

The Association proceeded to determine the place of holding the next session.

On motion, the place be determined by ballot. After speeches presenting the claims of the churches petitioning viz: New Albany, Salem and Tocopola, the ballot was taken and resulted in the selection of New Albany, Elds H L Finley and J S Berry acting as tellers.

On motion, ten o'clock a. m. Monday was made special time to hear report on Mississippi College and Education.

On motion, a committee was appointed to nominate a Preacher to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of the Association, to report at any time during the present session. Committee—Brethren W L Souter, J Dodd and H D Blaylock.

Committee on Devotional Exercise made the following report:—

Eld C W Smith at the stand near the church Saturday at 11 o'clock. Eld A J Gains same place at 3 o'clock p. m. Saturday.

Eld R J Pickens, Harmony, Sunday at 11 a. m.

Eld H L Finley, Poplar Springs, Sunday at 11 a. m.

Sabbath School Addresses at Cherry Creek by Eld J S Berry and brother W H M Durham, Sunday 8½ o'clock a. m.

Eld W G Thompson to preach at 9½ o'clock a. m.
" W T Lowrey, " " 11 " "
" I M Gray, " " 11 (Col. Church.)
" F M Ferrell, " " " Friendship.

Eld. C W Smith to preach at night at colored church.

Eld D C M Bigham read report on State Missions. After remarks by Elds C W Smith and J S Berry, adjourned to hear sermon by Eld C W Smith.

Evening session.

The Association met persuant to adjournment; prayer by Bro Hiram Pitts.

Resumed the discussion of report on State Missions, after speeches by Elds G W Potter, H L Finley, J T Pitts, C W Smith and brethren A B Knox, F Souter, W H M Durham.

On motion, the report was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We are glad that our State Missions are once more free from debt. We learn from the Report of the State Convention Board, that the whole number of laborers under the Board in State Missions is 43. The whole amount contributed to this work, the last conventional year was $6,860 93. Since our Associational Missions have been discontinued; State Missions are nearest our homes. It is generally much easier to secure contributions for a cause near home, than far away; hence, it is, that State Missions now offer one of the best means of developing, or at least, beginning the development of the grace of giving. When a man will not give to extend the gospel to those near home, rarely will he help send it to the heathen. But when once becomes enlisted near home, he will generally grow in grace.

What we need is, regular systematic contributions to missions. Then the Board would know what to expect. Our motto should be, a contribution from every member. This we think could be done best by every pastor earnestly enlisting in the cause and working to secure it. When our pastors do this work, then we avoid the expense of employing a secretary, who at best can only secure a spasmodic collection, which often result in evil. Paul says "Let every one of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him, that there

be no gatherings when I come." When we fail to lay by in store, and there is a great gathering is it scriptural?

D. C. M. BIGHAM.

Adjourned until Monday morning 8½ o'clock, prayer by Eld J S Berry.

Sunday at Cherry Creek.

Sabbath School was opened by Superintendent N M Berry. Prayer by Bro. F. Souter. Addresses by Eld. J S Berry and Bro W H M Dunham.

At 10½ o'clock Eld W G Thompson preached. Text: Latter clause 18th verse 6th chap. Heb. Subject, Hope. After an intermission of ten minutes; Eld W T Lowrey preached. Text: Phil. 4 11. Subject, Contentment. Five o'clock, Eld J S Berry. Text: Latter clause, 9th verse, 16 chapter Acts, subject: Come and help us.

Eld C W Smith, Colored Church at night. Text: Mat. 5 16. Subject: Christian's Light.

Monday morning.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Half an hour spent in Devotional Exercise, conducted by Bro W A Rogers. Prayer by Eld J H Morgan and Bro. W. A Funk.

On motion, speeches on the different Reports to come before the Association, shall be limited to ten minutes.

On motion the following resolution was adopted viz:—

RESOLVED. That a committtee of three be appointed to ascertain the amount asked of this Association by the State Board, and pro-rate this among the Churches. The report to be spread upon the minutes. Committee: H D Blaylock, J D Hughes and F Souter.

Eld C W Smith read the report on Foreign Missions.

A Communication received from Bro Geo Whitfield, Vice-President Foreign Mission Board was read.

On motion, the communication be placed on the

minutes of the Association and the extra expense be donated to the Foreign Mission cause. Communication.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

To the Chickasaw Association,

DEAR BRETHREN:—

The opportunities of obeying Christ in giving the Gospel to the heathen, were never so great as now. All doors are now open. 5,000 miles of new railway in heathen lands, and 20,000 miles of newly explored river-way, are set with populous towns, some of them with a million inhabitants each, await the Gospel. Travel also is cheap. Six per cent of moneys given to missions now pays the way of the missionaries to and from the fields. The success also of mission work is very good, twice that of work in the home field, and sometimes wonderfully great. Thus among the Telegoos, where in 45 years 26,000 converts have been made; hewn out of the rock, and gathered into Baptist churches mostly self-supporting; but there are vast multitudes of the heathens; more than 1,000,000,000 souls, three-fourths of whom have never heard the Gospel; of these 30,000,000 die every year, and in 33 years they will all have gone to the judgment. Aroused by these facts, Baptists in other parts, and other denominations, are making great effort to send these people the gospel, giving last year $10,000,000 to missions.

They have also 3,700 men and 2,500 women, missionaries; 850,000 converts from heathenism, of whom some 50,000 were baptised last year. Our own Board increased the number of missionaries last year from 21 men and and 26 women to 29 men and 30 women. From Mississippi go W J David and wife to Africa, J H Eager to Rome and E Z Simmons to China. Our Chinese churches lost near 100 their members during the last two years, probably caused by the war between China and France. In other missions our gains have been large; thus in Mexico the membership rose last year from 190 to 270; in Brazil from 113 to 140; in

Italy from 250 to 283. Total membership 1370. Baptised last year 169.

Our contributions to missions increased also from $71,000 in 1885 to $78,000 in 1886. Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and Texas increased their contributions $1,000 or $2,000 each. Our own state increased hers about $500; but this increase does not nigh meet the necessities of the work, and unless much more is raised this year, the Board will be seriously embarrassed.

MORE LABORERS NEEDED: Besides the 12 new missionaries sent out last year, many more are needed, this year, Bro. Po vel wants men for five cities in Mexico of 50,000 inhabitants each; Bro. Taylor in Brazil wants men for Minas Geraes and Pernambuco, and Bro. Eubanks in Africa wants men, and Bro Yates in China wants many men for the great interior cities of the Empire, while Japan with her 36,000,000 people is begging for missionaries and teachers from civilized countries. The need of Christian workers among the heathen is now exceedingly great; 40,000 men would not be more than enough.

OUR DUTY: Brethren, we are commanded by Christ to preach the Gospel to the heathen. It is not a matter of choice with us, but a duty laid upon us, we are commanded to "go teach all nations." Mat. 28: 19; And to be witnesses for him "unto the uttermost parts of the earth," Acts 1:8. And we are able to give these heathens the Gospel, and to do it now if we wanted to. We have men enough and money enough; and the way is open, and Christ himself is going before us. He has pulled down the very mountains for us, and filled up the valleys, and we ought to follow his leading.

Brethren, we believe that the whole world is the field for the daily prayers and toils of every Christian; that the daily praying and working for missions, is well pleasing to Christ—that it is great destroyer of covetousness, evil-speaking, envy, lust and every vile passion; that it is a promoter of every virtue and grace; and would be the salvation of many perishing heathens.

Your Vice-President asks in behalf of the Board that this address be printed in your minutes, and that the Association recommend its churches and members to assume, each one, their full share of the foreign mission work, and raise the coming year such contributions for it as will please God, and discharge their full duty in giving the Gospel to the heathen.

Respectfully,

GEORGE WHITFIELD, Vice-Pres. F. M. B.

The Moderator appointed as Committee on Finance, Bros. W L Souter, J T Brown and J W Powel.

After remarks by Elds H L Finley, J S Berry and C W Smith the discussion of report on Foreign Missions was suspended, and the work assigned to this hour on Saturday was called for, viz: Report on Mississippi College and Education, Eld G W Potter read the following report. After remarks by Elds G W Potter, C. W Smith, R J Pickens, J S Berry, Bro. W H M Durham was, on motion adopted, to-wit:

REPORT OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND EDUCATION.

"To establish a college upon a firm foundation, to bring into a condition to do first class work, is not the work of a day. It is easy onough to call a school a college, to make it really such is quite another matter.

No school starting without an endowment, can ordinarily do real college work until the experience of many years, the wisdom of many lives, and the collected results of many mistakes and failures have been wrought into its history.

Experience is as important in teaching as in commercial or business life.

There are as many utter failures in the one line as in the other.

The successful teacher is always an illustration of the supposed natural law. "The survival of the fittest."

Mississippi College stands before you in this at-

titude to-day. She has none but experienced and successful teachers, and she has the results of a long and noble history to stimulate their efforts.

Chartered 56 years ago, it has just closed its 35th annual session under its present management. These 35 years have been years of toil and struggle, and yet, on the whole, of a constant and steady advance.

The foundations of the institution have grown stronger with age, and its position in the educational world is more assured. The work may seem to move slowly, but we have reason to feel proud of what has been accomplished. The influence of the College for good is increasing year by year. Its representatives occupy important positions to-day on four continents. They are found in Europe, Asia, Africa and in our own land. It has a prestige reaching back to former generations and prophesying a glorious future. Children's children now enjoy her benefactions and these benefactions are largely the result of the toil and experience of many noble and true men.

The College as it now exists, does not consist merely of the brick and mortar which compose its walls, nor of the hundreds of students that throng its corridors, nor of the present faculty who direct its courses of study. The College is a composite thing, made up of all these, and yet of much more than these —of the precious memory of good men who toiled for it in the years gone by, who gave their money, their services and their prayers for its advancement. Nor is this all. When we think of the College, we think not only of those now connected with it, but of the hundreds of noble young men who have gone out from it, equiped in some measure for the battle of life and who are either now toiling in their places, or have gone to their reward in a better world. This is what the College is to those who have been connected with it, and this is what the College should be to all who are struggling to lift it up to higher planes of usefulness. It is a College of precious memories as well as present power."

We are glad to note that the College is advancing in every line of its work, and taking a deeper and stronger hold on the confidence and love of our people.

We wish to say, that it is a very encouraging fact, that educational facilities are more numerous, and easy of access in this state, than ever before, but while this is so, it is sad that so few are making any commendable effort to secure the advantages offered. Among the many schools affording these advantages, we gladly mention Blue Mountain Female College; also The Male Academy as especially worthy, our confidence and patronage, for they are our own institutions. We mean they are Baptist schools, and are well organized and equiped for their glorious work. We wish to place strong emphasis upon the importance of education to the happiness of our people, and prosperity of our country. Practical education is the crying want of the day. The well educated are more proficient in labor, and earn more, than the uneducated. We have many theories advanced on the great social problem, and the wonderful question of Capital and Labor. These theories, merely evolved in the brain and committed to paper and never acted upon, no matter how full of promise, for the promotion and welfare of the race, can never produce results so much desired, and so needed in order to elevate the masses.

The all-powerful assertion of Divinity holds good in nature, as in grace, that "faith without works is dead." The scholar says when asked for the remedy, educate the people—fill the land with good schools and induce the masses to seek their advantages; this will meet the wide-spread element of socialism, that like a great boiling, seething wave, is threatening our peace and prosperity, and drive it from the land. But we as Baptists are in great need of Bible training. Our membership, both male and female are very deficient in the knowledge of Bible Truths, and many of them seem quite careless, and fail to use the means at hand, for improvement.

We note with special pleasure the increased in-

terest in the subject of Ministerial Education. Systematic preaching, is the great want of our Churches and people. This want must be met by well trained pre chers. Let us enourage every young minister to seek the best possible qualifications for his work.

G. W. POTTER.

Discussion of Report on Foreign Missions resumed. Eld. J. T Pitts presented a quilt, cut and pieced by sister Peggy Caldwell, who is 80 years old, as a contribution to the cause of Foreign Missions, which was bought by the Association, for the sum of $23.35 and the money appropriated to that cause.

On motion, the quilt was presented to sister Gambrell, wife of Ed. Baptist Record, as an expression of the appreciation of her labors. The sisters of the Cherry Creek Church agreeing to quilt it.

On motion, the report was adopted viz:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Committee on Foreign Missions report as follows: The outlook as to Foreign Missions, upon the whole, is encouraging. Our Southern Board has at this time in their employ in foreign fields, fifty nine American Missionaries, and fifty native assistants. While this looks like a weak force for such a vast field of labor. Yet we are encouraged to find it about ten per cent stronger than twelve months ago. It is also encouraging to find an increase of fruit, through the blessings of God, as a result of missionary labor, in all foreign lands except China, and there no ground has been lost, notwithstanding the disastrous effects of war in that country. We are encouraged by finding an increase of contributions from the churches to foreign missions, several of our southern states have rolled up a large increase on former years work; amounting to thousands of dollars in the aggregate; even our own loved Mississippi has increased her annual contributions to foreign missions a few hundred dollars.

BRETHREN, we ought to make this increase as many thousands as we have made it hundreds. We can do it if we will.

Our blessed Savior commanded his people to preach the Gospel to every creature.

This blessed Gospel has come to us through the Apostles and our fathers unasked, and it is our imperative duty to give it to others who are too ignorant of its benefits to ask for it.

We can do it now if we will; God has moved every hindrance out of the way except our unwillingness to discharge this duty, and if we persist in our indifference in this work, He will remove us out of the way and raise up a willing people, less selfish, covetous and less idolatrous in whose hearts grace will abound sufficient to love the heathen for Christ's sake, who will contribute of their substance liberally, who will pray, and preach the unsearchable riches of His gracious Gospel to all the world.

Brethren, pray the Holy Spirit, to open our eyes, hearts and hands, that we may see and realize the great responsibility that now rests upon us, and that we may be made willing servants, laboring to benefit others and honor our blessed Redeemer.

Resp'y submitted.
C. W. SMITH.

The Association then engaged with Eld C W Smith in prayer, in behalf of the Foreign Mission work. On motion, adjourned for one hour.

Monday evening.

The Association met persuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld J T Pitts.

Eld A J Gaines read the report on Sabbath Schools after speeches by Eld C W Smith and Bro N M Berry, on motion was adopted, viz:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is a lamentable fact, that in some parts of our Association the Sabbath School interest is on the decline. Some churches have good Sabbath Schools, and where you find a Sabbath School there you will find a flourishing church. Brethren whatshall we do to interest our brethren in this grand work of instruct-

ing the youth of our land in the word of God? Who is to blame? Is it the pastor or the laity, or both? Brethren let us give thoughtful attention to this subject, and may we realize the great resposibility that rests upon us in training our "children in the way they should go" and "when they are old they will not depart from it." Resp'y submitted,

A. J. GAINES.

Eld I Smith read report of committee of last year on State of Religion, after speeches by Elds J T Pitts and C W Smith. on motion was adopted, viz:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report:

From reading the letters from the churches, there seems to be a good state of feeling existing among them, and great revivals among their members. There is not as many baptisms reported this year as heretofore, still there has been a great ingathering in some of the churches. Several churches have been prevented from holding their meetings on account of sickness. Let us, brethren, press on and pray more, and do more. Resp'y submitted.

I. SMITH.

W L Souter read Report on Documents and Publications. On motion, was adopted, viz:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

We recommend our Brethren to take and read the Baptist Record, the Tennessee Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal and Kind Words, and as a temperance advocate the Sword & Shield, and that the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing the minutes of the Association and that he have so much of the proceedings of the Union meeting published as relates to the time and place of meeting; also the names of brethren appointed to preach stated sermons, and those to write essays, and the queries se-

lected for discussion, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

W. L. SOUTER.

Eld F M Ferrell presented the report of Committee on Temperance as adopted by the Baptist State Convention of 1886, and asked its adoption, after speeches by Elds. J T Pitts, G W Potter, D C M Bigham, J H Morgan and Bro. F Souter. On motion was adopted, viz:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following:

Satan has no more potent agency in all this land of ours than the liquor traffic. It is to science, civilization and Christianity their greatest hindrance.

Under God, its removal must depend upon the forming of a wholesome public sentiment, the power of conscience enlightened by the word of God, and upon the strong arm of the civil law, wisely enacted and faithfully enforced.

As this temperance reformation is God's work, we should go to the fountain of all wisdom for direction, and invoke His blessing upon all efforts put forth to exterminate the liquor traffic, that the young may be saved from the snares of the tempter and the bonds broken that now hold so many as willing captives in the slavery of strong drink.

In view of the fact that all drunkards come from the ranks of the moderate dram-drinkers, the influence that even a moderate use of it may have upon others, and especially the young, we earnestly urge total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, believing it to be contrary to the principle of Christianity to encourage the traffic in any way.

We declare that the whole liqor system is wrong in principle and most pernicious in results, making the nation a partner in the guilt and shame of the liquor business, and a violation of the high trust God has committed to civil government; that it is a sin against God and humanity; that evil cannot be regu-

lated, it can only be prohibited, that absolute, unconditional prohibition by constitutional amendment is the end at which we should aim—the ultimatum which alone we are willing to accept.

We endorse the action of States and our National Congress in enacting laws requiring instruction in our public schools in regard to the effects of alcohol and other narcotics upon the human system, and regret that our last Legislature did not enact such a law in our State.

We reiterate that since the complete triumph of temperance principles must depend on sound reason and improved education, we therefore advise and urge that instruction in hygiene and alcohol be introduced into all colleges and other schools of our denomination, and also urge the adoption of at least one Sabbath in each quarter for teaching Temperance lessons in our Sabbath Schools. The liquor traffic has assumed such an attitude as to force everyone to take a stand for or against.

It is inconsistent with our profession as Christians to either make, buy, sell or use as a beverage any intoxicating liquors. It is the duty of every Christian to labor in every proper way for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and of every Christian voter to vote as he prays, against this soul-destroying and God-dishonoring evil. We urge our churches to enforce discipline, so that the cause of Christ may not in the future, as in the past, be brought into contempt by members patronizing and otherwise supporting or encouraging the saloon. We endorse, commend and say, God bless the efforts of the W. C. T. U. for the suppression of the liquor traffic. We recommend that our ministers and laymen shall endeavor to inculcate sound temperance principles in the minds of the colored race. They are among us, and if we fail to instruct and enlighten them, they will fall on easy prey to the friends of the saloon against the home.

Resp'y submitted,
F. M. FERRELL.

Committee on Nomination made the following Report. On motion was adopted, viz:

Your committee on Nomination has nominated Eld J T Pitts to preach the Association sermon in 1887 and Eld. C W Smith as alternate.

W. L. SOUTER, Chm'n.

Committee on Finance made the following Report. On motion was adopted, viz:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee ask leave to report the following amounts sent up for minutes.

Amaziah	$1 75	Abbeville	$1 00
Antioch		Bethel, (L. C.)	1 20
Bluff Springs	1 15	Bethel U. C	75
Cypress Creek	50	Cherry Creek	3 65
Cary Springs		Duncans Creek	95
Friendship	2 00	Fredonia	25
Liberty	2 15	Mount Pleasant	2 20
Mount Pisgah	1 20	Midway	40
Macedonia	1 00	New Hope	1 35
New Albany	1 40	Oak Grove	1 20
Poplar Springs	1 00	Pleasant Ridge	1 70
Pleasant Hill	1 40	Philadelphia	80
Piney Grove	80	Pleasant Dale	
Spring Hill	90	Shiloh	1 85
Shady Grove	30	Salem	1 00
Spring Creek	1 50	Temperance Hill	1 00
Tocopola	2 00	Union	1 30
Zion Hill	40		
TOTAL			$39 85

Resp'y submitted,
W. L. SOUTER, Chm'n.

The committee to ascertain the amount asked of the Association by the State Board, and apportion the same, made a report. On motion, the report was laid on the table indefinitely.

N. M. Berry, in Acc't with Chickasaw Association

1885.			
Dec. 28.	Cash by S. H. Pitts,		$ 1 00
" 30.	" " Pleasant Hill Church		6 75
1886.			
M'ch 17.	Cash by Cherry Creek Church		23 65
" 17.	" Friendship Church		15 25
" 17.	" Mt. Pleasant "		15 00
" 26.	" Bro. Martin Hardin		1 00
A'p'l 7.	" Shady Grove Church		1 30
July 14.	" Bro. Piles		1 00
" 14.	" Duncan's Creek Church		50
" 20.	" Cherry Creek "		56 65
" 20.	" Mount Pleasant "		15 00
Sept 18.	" Duncan's Creek "		12 15
" "	" Spring Hill "		4 50
" "	" Pleasant Ridge "		6 50
" "	" Shiloh "		1 50
" "	" Macedonia "		2 75
" "	" Sist. Spencer of Amazi' Ch'r		5 00
" "	" Amaziah Church		1 00
" "	" Spring C'k Ch. State Mis'		5 00
" "	" " " " For. Mis'n		5 00
" "	" Public Collections		7 40
" "	" Sale of Quilt		23 35
	TOTAL		$211 25

April	20	By am't sent Rev A H Tupper D. D.	$20 00
July	22	" paid Rev J B Gambrell	117 10
Sept.	21	" sent Rev J B Gambrell to bal.	74 15
			$211 25

Resp'y submitted,
N M. BERRY Tr.

The following approximates the amount paid to the Board by churches—the same not passing through my hands, as far ascertained, to-wit:

Fredonia	Church	$ 7 00
Bethel (L. C.)	"	14 00
New Albany	"	22 50
Shiloh	"	7 00

Liberty Church	9 00
Mount Pleasant "	25 40
Toccopola "	50 50
La. M. So. at Cherry Creek	16 00
	$151 40

N. M. BERRY, Tr.

On motion the money returned to Bro N M Berry by Bro A J Jones be used by Bro Berry in the interest of young ministers who may need assistance, provided Bro Jones declines to receive it.

Call for Correspondents.

Calhoun Asssociation—Bro F Souter, J W Powel and J D Hughes.

Judson Association—Elds I Smith and J T Pitts.

West Judson " Elds I Smith, J T Pitts, G W Potter, Bros J F Coleman, W A Funk, J M C Tucker, J B Suber, J F Golden and M M Smith.

Oxford Association—Bros W P Winters, J W Powel and W U Hampton.

Cold Water Association—Elds A J Gaines, J H Morgan and Bro J T Brown.

Tippah Association—Elds G W Potter, R J Pickens, Bros G W Hines and J T Swain.

Tishomingo Association—Bro N M Berry, W A Funk and J J Fitzgerald.

Baptist State Convention—Elds C W Smith, A J Gaines, J H Morgan, Bros W P Winters, J W Powel, N M Berry. H D Blaylock, F Souter, W U Hampton, J T Brown, W L Souter. On motion all the pastors were delegated to the Baptist State Convention.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees, or brethren to write on subjects named.

State Missions—F Souter.

Foreign Missions—G W Potter.

State of Religion—D C M Bigham.

Mississippi College and Education—A B Knox.

Sabbath School—J W Powel.

Temperance—A J Smith.

Documents and Publication—J T Brown.

Petition for letter of dismission was presented by

Pleasant Ridge Church. On motion, the letter was granted. Bro F Souter presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

WHEREAS. This Association has refused to act under the Convention plan, for missionary purposes; therefore, resolved that we fall back on the old plan of church pledges, and that the pastors of this Association, as soon as convenient ascertain of each church the amount they wish to pledge to be paid January 1st 1887, and promptly collect the amount by that time and forward to N M Berry Treas. of the Association, yet any church can follow the convention plan that may wish to do so.

The following resolution was adopted viz:

RESOLVED. That that the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the people of this vicinity for kindness and hospitality shown during this session.

Minutes were read and approved. Adjourned, to meet with New Albany Church, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September 1887. Prayer by Eld. C W Smith.

Thus closed the Forty-seventh session of the Chickasaw Association.

I. SMITH, MODERATOR

F. M. FERRELL, CLERK.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Call for petitionary letters.
2nd. Call for correspondents.
3rd. Determine place of holding next session.
4th. Elect minister to preach the Introductory sermon at next session.
5th. Call for Reports of Standing Committees, viz.

1st. State Missions.
2nd. Mississippi College and Education.
3rd. Sabbath Schools.
4th. Foreign Missions.
5th. Temperance.
6th. State of Religion.
7th. Documents and Publications.
6th. Report on Finance.
7th Report of Treasurer.

8th. Appoint Correspondents.
9th. Appoint standing Committees.
10th. General Business.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

N. E. McGreger,	Tocopola.	W. H Miller,	Oxford
D. W. Smith	"	F. M. Vines,	Lafayette Springs
F. M. Ferrell	"	G. E. Murphy,	" "
G. W. Potter	Cherry Creek	J. L. Furguerson	Esperanza.
J. T. Pitts	" "	G. J. Robbins	"
D. C. M. Bigham,	" "	H. L. Kidd	"
I. Smith,	Wallerville	J. H. Morgan	Bethlehem.
Thos. Gorley	Randolph	Wm. Langston,	New Albany
R. J. Pickens	Darden	J. R. Johnston	Rocky Ford
J. N. Swain	"	A. J. Gaines	Waterford
I. M. Gray,	"	J. P. Rogers	"

W. P. Hutchinson, Holder.

LICENTIATES.

J. M. Cleavland,	New Albany.	J. L. C. Vann,	Abbeville
W. L. Mullens,	Dallas.	T. J. Verner	Randolph
G. N. Williams	Graham.	Bennette Tutor,	"
A. J. Jones	Wallerville	J. H. Rhea	Toccopola
F. C. Mahan	Thaxton.	J. J. Gibson	Oxford
W. P. Winters	Toccopola	R. Purvis	"
W. R. Farrow	Darden	Foster Robbins,	Keownville

S. D. Shelton, Keownville.

The Union meeting of the First District will meet with Oak Grove Church, Thursday before the First Sabbath in August 1887 Eld I Smith to preach the introductory sermon. Eld D C M Bigham alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays on the subjects mentioned:

The value of the Sacred Scriptures and the importance of teaching them to our children, N M Berry.

The best method of studying and teaching Bible doctrines, Eld D C M Bigham.

The Bible plan for extending and supporting the mission work by the churches, W A Rogers.

Our duty to the poor, J Reid.

The Christian Sabbath and how it should be observed by Christians, Eld F Robbins.

The evidence of Christian hope, Eld I Smith.

The church discipline, Eld J T Pitts.

The church and its ordinance, Eld G W Potter.

The importance of Ministerial Education, V B Tucker.

Exegesis on 15 to 18 verse, 18 chap Mathew, Dr B. F Leavell.

QUERIES.

Has minister of the Gospel the scriptural right to administer the Sacrament and not partake himself?

Has a church the right according to the Scriptures to exclude a member without notifying him?

Was John's baptism the gospel baptism?

I. SMITH, MODERATOR.

W. H. SEALE, CLERK.

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UNION MEETING.

The Union meeting of the Second District will meet with Spring Creek Church on Thursday before the Second Sabbath in August 1887. Eld G E Murphy to preach the introductory sermon, W P Hutchinson alternate. Eld F M Vines to preach on the duties of ministers and deacons. The following brethren were appointed to write essays on the subjects mentioned, viz:

The value of the Sacred Scriptures and the importance of teaching them to our children—1 M Gray. Prayer F Souter. The importance of a higher standing of morality among the young men of our country —Eld C W Smith.

QUERIES.

Is the present plan of raising mission funds an improvement on the old?

Is communion a church or christian ordinance? What position should christians take on the question of prohibition?

F. SOUTER MODERATOR.

A. E. HARWELL, CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Excluded	Dism's'd by Let'r.	Died	Total Memb'rship	Paid Pastor	Paid State Mis'ns	Paid for Foreign Missions	Paid for Mississippi College & Min. Educa'.	Church build'g.	Expended for	Total paid to different objects	Sabbath of Meeting
Amaziah	I M. Gray	Cornersville	I. M. Gray, T. L. Ruff, James Dean	11	8	1	3	6	6	115	....	....	.....					2d
Abbeville	J. L. Johnson	Abbeville	G. A. Logan, J. L. Logan	..	..	1	..	.	..	29	$100	....	.....		52 00		152 00	4th
Antioch	— —	— —	— —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	....	....	.....					....
Bethel (L. C.)	C. W. Smith	Oxford	W P Winters, J. J. Gibson	9	6	..	..	2	1	104	100	....	.....				100 00	1st
Bethel (U. C.)	J. L. Furguerson.	Esperanza	A. J. Williams, J. A. Hearn	..	1	..	1	5	1	71	....	....	.....					2d
Bluff Springs	F. M. Vines	Denmark	J. J. Carter, J S Singleton	5	2	..	3	10	1	53	....	....	.....					3d
Cypress Creek	J. L. Furguerson.	Liberty Hill	J W Gardner, Joe Berry	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	....	....	.....					1st
Cherry Creek	I. Smith	Cherry Creek	J T Pitts, D C M Bigham, N M Berry. Alt. W R Spencer	.	.	1	1	6	3	169	....	....	.....					2d
Cary Springs	— —	— —	— —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	....	....	.....					....
Duncan's Creek	J. T. Pitts	Thaxton	C L Wells, W B Dickson	.	2	1	4	2	1	87	....	....	.....					3d
Friendship	C. W. Smith	Cherry Creek	W L Souter, Toney Jackson, M. McCarver	16	3	1	2	..	1	80	$90	9 20	9 20		13 00		121 40	4th
Fredonia	J. T. Pitts	Fredonia	J B Gaulding, Chas Jones, B F Smith	.	..	..	1	5	1	60	....	....	.....					....
Liberty	J. E. Buchanan	Fairview	W A Funk, B J Caldwell, T S Branden	2	5	..	5	2	..	82	....	....	.....					....
Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Potter	Wallerville	G W Potter, I Smith, J F Coleman	12	.	1	..	5	..	143	$82	....	55 40		39 00		176 40	1st
Mt. Pisgah	I. M. Gray	Darden	H. Marshal, W Hancock, R J Pickens	4	3	..	..	14	3	117	....	....	.....					4th
Midway	— —	Caswell	John Buse, G W Alford	.	.	..	..	5	1	74	....	....	.....					3d
Macedonia	W. P. Hutchirson	Darden	W R Farrow, W N Swain, W D Green	10	7	..	..	2	..	38	....	2 75	. .		297 30		300 05	....
New Hope	W. F. Davis	Pontotoc	Sanford Pitts, G W Sibley, Ruben Harden	8	2	..	..	7	1	97	....	....	.....					1st
New Albany	C. W. Smith	New Albany	A J Smith, B S Liddell, W A Bratton	5	14	..	..	1	..	83	....	....	.....					3d
Oak Grove	I. Smith	Myrtle	W P Camp, I T Swain, J H Dodd	3	7	2	1	17	1	95	$38½	....	.....		361 25		399 75	1st
Poplar Springs	F. M. Ferrell	Delay	J W Powell J D Hughes	3	3	2	1	2	..	49	....	....	.....		397 00		397 00	2d
Pleasant Ridge	A. B. Smith	Graham	W R Williams, W Hickey, G W Hinds	33	.	3	..	1	1	160	....	....	.....					1st
Pleasant Hill	I. Smith	Keownville	W J Robbins, Foster Robbins, J D Shelton	20	5	..	1	21	..	163	....	....	.....					4th
Philadelphia	G. W. Potter	Walton	H F Baker, L Short	.	4	2	..	4	1	123	$151	....	16 00				167 00	3d
Piney Grove	W. H. Miller	Tocopola	—	12	2	..	..	3	..	51	....	....	.....					....
Pleasant Dale	— —	— —	— —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	....	....	.....					....
Spring Hill	W. A. Mayo	Pontotoc	W A Rodgers, J C Collins, G W Hodges	.	.	3	2	13	20	1	90	$53	3 00	1 50			57 50	4th
Shiloh	F. M. Vines	Lafayette Springs	G E Murphy, W U Hampton	.	13	..	5	6	1	94	45	....	.....				45 00	1st
Shady Grove	J. T. Pitts	Esperanza	J A Rogers S H Pitts, Chas Ray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	....	....	.....					1st
Salem	W. G. Thompson.	Bethlehem	J H Morgan, B W Blackherd, J B Rhen	8	6	3	8	2	1	70	....	....	.....					4th
Spring Creek	I. M. Gray	Waterford	A J Gaines, H D Blaylock, J T Brown	12	2	1	1	6	..	102	....	5 00	5 00				10 00	1st
Temperance Hill	I. M. Gray	Holly Springs	T C Caldwell, J M Shadric, W A Boatright	.	2	..	1	4	..	27	....	....	.....					....
Tocopola	C. W. Smith	Tocopola	C W Smith, F M Ferrell, F Souter	3	7	..	2	1	..	100	$100	16 83	22 55	11 12½			150 50	2d
Union	F. M. Ferrell	Dallas	J W Watts	.	.	1	4	16	2	63	....	....	.....					3d
Zion Hill	R. J. Pickens	New Albany	— —	5	..	..	..	3	..	61	....	....	.....					2d
TOTAL				181	107	22	57	178	28	2685	759½	36 78	109 65	11 12½	1159 55	$2076 50		